

COST OF TEMPLE GIVEN IN LETTER

INFORMATION SECURED FROM
OLD DOCUMENT FOUND IN
LODGE IN ENGLAND.

The following taken from the Detroit Free Press recently, will prove of great interest to Masons of Alma and vicinity, and to the public in general, whether Masons or not, as it relates to the cost of Solomon's Temple in that city, the most costly of modern times. Its publication at this time, is also fitting in view of the fact that the Grand Lodge of Michigan Masons is meeting this week.

To the Editor: Nearly twenty years ago business called me to a small town in England which possessed a Masonic temple, and although not a master of craft, I had occasion to find myself within its portals. Looking around generally I was particularly struck by an old fashioned printed document, framed and hanging on the wall, setting out in English money and headed "Cost Billions," the cost of the most famous temple of all times. Mentally I then multiplied the figures by five, taking as we did in those days for the purpose of comparison five dollars to be equivalent to the English pound sterling, and made a copy of the document. These figures then appalled me, but in time, passed from my memory, and I put them away as a relic of many things that one meets in a lifetime and desires to keep. A short time back, the announcement that the Detroit Masons had acquired a very valuable site and proposed to build thereon a temple that would be the most famous and most costly of modern times, recalled to my mind the find I had made years before in England. I was enabled to turn up my copy of the document setting forth the figures of the costly building, not only the most famous temple of olden times, but of all times, and I made comparisons, and feeling that many thousands of others, be they or be they not Masons, would be equally interested, I am setting out below, a copy of the document in its actual wording, save that dollars have been substituted for pounds, in the ratio of five for one.

Here it is:

COST BILLIONS

The cost of Solomon's temple and its internal decorations and the paraphernalia was one of the wonders of olden times.

According to Villapardus, the "talents" of gold, silver and brass used in its construction was valued at the enormous sum of \$24,359,110,000.

The worth of jewels is generally placed at a figure equally as high. The vessels of gold according to Josephus, were valued at 140,000 "talents," which reduced, according to Chapel's reduction tables to everyday coinage was equal to \$1,876,481,515.

The vessels of silver, according to the same authority, were still more valuable, being set down as worth \$3,246,720,000.

The priest's vestments and robes of singers \$10,050,000; trumpets \$1,000,000.

To the above add the expense of the building material, labor, etc., and some wonderful figures present themselves.

Ten thousand men hewing cedars, 60,000 bearers of burdens, 80,000 hewers of stone, 3,300 overseers all of whom were employed for seven years and upon whom beside their wages Solomon bestowed \$33,669,885.

If the daily food was worth 45 cents each (the original document said two shillings), the sum total for feeding this army of workmen during the time of building totals up to \$344,385,440.

The material in the rough is estimated as having been worth \$12,726,885,000.

The several estimates show the total cost to have been \$87,212,210,840.

Rabbi Wolfres, the Jewish musical historian has stated that during divine worship at the temple a full choir consisted of 240,000 men.

During recent years not only this country but other countries have had to deal with figures reaching into great magnitude, but so far as covering a period of seven years, the time taken during the building of Solomon's temple, no financial minister or chancellor of exchequer has had to confront such figures as those that tell of the cost of building this most famous temple of all times.

John Lyon.

"Son of Tarzan" in Story and Picture

The Son of Tarzan, another of the famous Edgar Rice Burroughs stories is coming to the Strand theatre, beginning with the opening episode on June 2 and 3.

To make the picture the more interesting The Record has secured the exclusive right to publication of the story locally. The first installment of the now famous story will appear in The Record next week Thursday. Read it in connection with the picture, and you will enjoy both picture and story more than either could be enjoyed without the other.

Each installment of the story in The Record will be pictured each week at the Strand. Neither picture or story installment will overlap the other.

Auxiliary Holds Interesting Meeting

The regular meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion was held on Tuesday night in the city hall. A large number of the old members were present, and in addition to these, eight new members were enrolled. Several matters of interest were brought before the organization and among these were the reports from the committees on the membership campaign. Although the work is only partially completed very gratifying results are already evident, and the Auxiliary is confident of a large membership, and consequently a broader and more useful program for the coming year.

The membership committee will be prepared to present a detailed report on their efforts at the next meeting.

In accordance with the plan which is being adopted in all the Legions and Auxiliaries of the nation, it was decided to procure and sell the little red poppies which are to be used as the National Memorial Day Flower, in honor of the fallen heroes of the Great War.

The idea first originated in Captain MacCree's beautiful poem "In Flanders field the poppies grow."

It seems peculiarly fitting that the poppy, that most beautiful and colorful of all flowers, should typify the heroism and undying courage of our honored dead. It is hoped that as many as possible of the citizens of Alma will remember to render this silent tribute on Memorial Day.

It has been decided to discontinue the regular meetings of the Auxiliary during the months of July and August. It is not, however, the intention of the organization to let its activities drop, and any situation in which it may render assistance is to be immediately to be reported to the president, Mrs. Jerome Kanter.

At the termination of the business meeting, a splendid program arranged by Mrs. Reece was given by Miss Nettie Weatherhead and the high school girls' quintet. All the numbers were most thoroughly enjoyed and the Auxiliary expresses its appreciation to those who participated. Refreshments were also served.

The American Legion is arranging the program for Memorial Day and it is hoped that everyone will plan to take part and to make it the finest we have ever observed in its patriotic significance and tributes of Love and Honor to our dead soldiers of both wars.

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Medler Announces New Light Plant

Announcement is made this week, by Mr. Medler, local Delco-Light dealer, of a Delco-Light plant just added to their line. This plant sells for \$295.00, and is a complete electric plant, with air-cooling and other Delco-Light features.

It is pointed out, by the local representative, that with this new Delco-Light plant available, it is now easy for every farm home to have electricity, for furnishing electric lights and for running small motors.

To those of us who used to know farm life as it was lived, without the modern conveniences that farm homes know today, it is interesting to observe the spread of electric service and the influence it is exerting. Today, with the individual electric plant at hand and with a dealer in every county to install it, electricity can be enjoyed in any home, from the modest cottage up to the largest farm, ranch or plantation home. Even small towns are getting their electric

lighting from these larger home electric plants.

Prices on electric plants, like other things, says Mr. Medler, have shown marked reduction recently and this new Delco-Light, at \$295.00, he advises, is in accord with the policy of his Company to furnish its products at the lowest prices that are in keeping with the unquestioned quality and dependability that many thousands of owners have found from personal experience with the plant he sells.

Silvertown Prices Are Being Reduced

Motorists will all be glad to know that the famous Silvertown Cord Anti Skid, Safety Tread Tires are included in the recent 20 per cent price reduction which brought tire prices back to pre-war basis. Among tires Silvertown is the name that instantly conveys the thought of the highest quality. Motor car manufacturers and dealers are quick to emphasize to their prospects that their cars are

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This reduction brings Goodrich prices to a point 15 per cent below the pre-war schedule, as represented by the 1913 level. It is rather startling to find that in 1919 tire prices were 115 per cent higher than the Goodrich prices today.

It is not a far-fetched conclusion to say that tires today give from 50 per cent to 100 per cent greater mileage than they did a few years ago. Therefore, if the tire companies were selling mileage today at the 1915 price level, tires would actually cost from \$5.00 to \$25.00 more than at present. The conclusion is obvious, therefore, that based on comparative service tires cost less today than ever before.

Highland Park Subdivision BASS LAKE

Last year had a remarkable season. The better people of Alma and vicinity have taken advantage of the exclusiveness and the prospects which the future of this resort offers to the early purchaser. BASS LAKE is one of the most beautiful inland lakes of Michigan, naturally located and adapted for summer homes. There are still 100 large shady lots still available which will be sold on terms to suit the purchaser.

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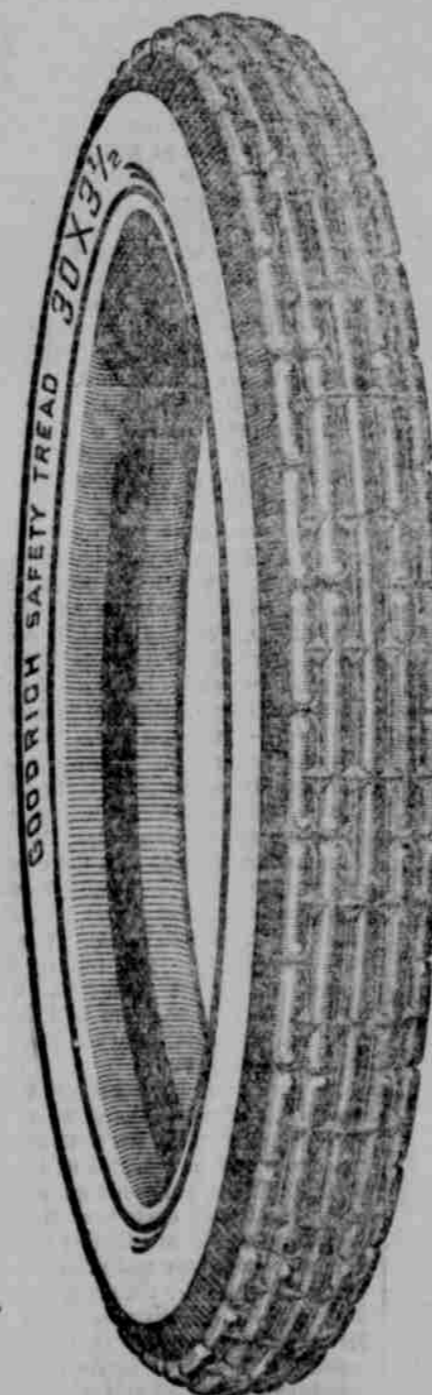
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